

United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi

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Number of Judgeships: 6

Areas Covered: Counties of Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Clarke, Copiah, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Holmes, Issaquena, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Sharkey, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Warren, Wayne, Wilkinson and Yazoo

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Chambers of Chief Judge Henry T. Wingate

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Henry T. Wingate

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Grinnell 1969 BA; Yale 1972 JD
Began Service: October 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Adjunct Instructor, Golden Gate University (1975-1976); Adjunct Lecturer, Tidewater Community College (1976); Adjunct Professor, Mississippi College School of Law (1978-1984); Lecturer, Mississippi Judicial College (1980-1984); Lecturer, University of Houston Law Center (1984); Instructor, Jackson State University; National College of District Attorneys

Government: Special Assistant Attorney General, State of Mississippi (1976-1980); Assistant District Attorney, Seventh Circuit Court, State of Mississippi (1980-1984); Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Mississippi, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1984-1985)

Legal Practice: Law Clerk, Community Legal Aid (1972-1973)

Military Service: United States Navy (1973-1976); United States Naval Reserve (1983-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Hinds County Bar Association; Magnolia Bar Association; The Mississippi Bar; National Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Gerald Mumford** (601) 965-4042
Began Service: September 2006
Term Expires: September 2008
Law Clerk **Carlos Tanner** (601) 965-4042
Began Service: August 6, 2007
Term Expires: August 2008

Chambers of Chief Judge Henry T. Wingate continued

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Education: Delta State 1972 BSE

Chambers of District Judge Louis Guirola, Jr.

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Louis Guirola, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: William Carey 1973 BA; Mississippi 1979 JD
Began Service: April 9, 1996

Government: Assistant District Attorney, 19th Judicial District, District Attorney's Office (1980-1984); Assistant U.S. Attorney, United States Attorney's Office (1990-1993)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1993-1996); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi (1996-2003)

Legal Practice: Associate, Boyce, Holleman & Associates, P.A. (1979-1980); Attorney, Guirola & Jackson P.A. (1986-1990)

Staff

Law Clerk **Rhonda Holman** (228) 563-1767
Began Service: July 2007
Term Expires: July 2009
Education: Mississippi 2005 JD
Law Clerk **Brittany Reid** (228) 563-1767
Began Service: February 2007
Education: Mississippi 2003 JD
Career Law Clerk **Karla Whitsitt** (228) 563-1767
Education: Colorado 1992 JD
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Keith Starrett

District Judge

Began Service: January 1, 2005
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Staff

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Daniel Porter Jordan III

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1964
Education: Mississippi 1987 BBA; Virginia 1993 JD
Began Service: August 2006
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Associate, Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC (1993-1999); Equity Member, Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC

Staff

Law Clerk **Elizabeth Dulong** (601) 965-4418
Began Service: September 4, 2007
Term Expires: September 2008
Career Law Clerk **Elizabeth Q. Howell** (601) 965-4418
Education: Virginia 1994 BA;
Mississippi Col 2003 JD

Chambers of District Judge Halil Suleyman Ozerden

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Note: Mr. Halil Suleyman Ozerden was confirmed by the Senate as a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi on April 24, 2007. A date has not yet be set for him to be sworn-in.

Halil Suleyman "Sul" Ozerden

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1966
Education: Georgetown 1989 BS; Stanford 1998 JD
Began Service: May 1, 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, District Judge Eldon E. Fallon, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1998-1999)

Legal Practice: Partner, Dukes, Dukes, Keating & Faneca (1999-2007)

Military Service: LT, United States Navy, United States Department of Defense (1989-1995)

Staff

Law Clerk **Yvonne McCabe** (601) 965-4439
Began Service: July 2007
Term Expires: July 2009
Law Clerk **Emily Newman** (601) 965-4439
Began Service: July 2007
Term Expires: July 2009
Career Law Clerk **Terri S. Brown** (228) 679-1070

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Dan M. Russell, Jr.

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1913
Education: Mississippi 1935 BA, 1937 JD
Began Service: October 25, 1965
Appointed By: President Lyndon B. Johnson

Government: City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Waveland, Mississippi; Attorney, Marine Resources Commission, Marine Resources Department, State of Mississippi; Attorney, Board of Supervisors, County of Hancock, Mississippi

Chambers of Senior Judge Dan M. Russell, Jr. continued

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1938-1952); Associate, Russell & Favre (1952-1965)

Military Service: United States Navy (1941-1945)

Current Memberships: The American Inns of Court; Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Federalist Society of Mississippi; Hancock County Bar Association; The Mississippi Bar

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Andrea Cabell Jones** (228) 563-1744
Education: Sophie Newcomb 1983 BA;
Mississippi 1986 JD

Chambers of Senior Judge L. T. Senter, Jr.

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L. T. Senter, Jr.

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1933
Education: Southern Mississippi 1956 BS; Mississippi 1959 LLB
Began Service: January 1, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Government: Prosecuting Attorney, State of Mississippi (1960-1964); United States Commissioner, Office of the United States Commissioner (1966-1968)

Judicial: Circuit Judge, Mississippi Circuit Court, First Judicial District (1968-1979)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1959-1961); Partner, Patterson, Senter & King (1961-1968)

Current Memberships: Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; The Mississippi Bar

Staff

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Secretary **Kim B. Overstreet** (228) 563-1755
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Education: Oregon 1964 BA;
New Orleans 1970 MA

Chambers of Senior Judge Walter J. Gex III

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Walter J. Gex III

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: Mississippi 1962 BBA, 1963 LLB
Began Service: 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Special Master, Mississippi Chancery Court, Hancock County

Legal Practice: Associate, Satterfield, Shell, Williams & Buford; Partner, Gex, Gex & Phillips (1972-1986)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; The Mississippi Bar

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